

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER JIM MADDOX

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**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT AND THE CREATION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE AT UNDERGROUND ATLANTA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is fast becoming a world-class city for tourism and business with over 600,000 international visitors and more than 1,200 foreign-owned facilities operating here; and

WHEREAS, the City has also witnessed in recent years a growth in residents moving here from foreign countries such as Mexico, Columbia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, China, South Korea, Vietnam, India, and Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, their presence is having an impact on the Atlanta's cultural and economic landscape; and

WHEREAS, as Atlanta is entering into the new millennium, it is in the best interest of the City to encourage increased dialogue, interaction, and engagement among its increasingly diversified population; and

WHEREAS, at the last meeting of the City of Atlanta Advisory Committee on International Relations on September 20, 2000, Mr. Dan O'Leary, managing partner of Underground Atlanta, did a presentation on the proposed "International Village" at Underground Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the presentation was well received and the proposal has great potential to help revitalize Underground Atlanta and contribute positively to downtown Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Atlanta City Council expresses its support for the concept and the creation of an International Village at Underground Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's Municipal Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Dan O'Leary, managing partner of Underground Atlanta.

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